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FUNDS FOR C-DOT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds given by the Government to the Centre for the Development of Telematics (C-DOT) during each of the last three years;

(b) whether C-DOT is unable to generate its own revenues and is entirely dependant of Government support;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make C-DOT commercially viable?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) The budgetary support for C-DOT from Government for the last three years is as follows:

Year	Govt. Budgetary Support (Rs./Crores)
2005-06	75.12
2006-07	82.00
2007-08	96.00
Total	253.12

(b) No Sir, C-DOT has been able to generate its own revenues also and hence, not entirely dependent on Government support.

(c) Revenue generated by C-DOT during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Internal Revenue Generated(Rs./Crores)
2005-06	23.96
2006-07	18.38

2007-08 22.40

Total 64.74

(d) A number of steps have been taken to make C-DOT commercially more viable. These include the following:

1. C-DOT has been asked to focus on less number of R & D projects with a view to achieve breakthrough in such projects, as resources of C-DOT are limited.

2. Research orientation has been changed from Hardware-centric to Software-centric, keeping in view the skill sets.

3. Strategic projects related to telecom security and projects of national importance have been entrusted to C-DOT,such as:

(i) Centralised Monitoring System.

(ii) Projects for rural and remote areas.

4. A system of signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between C-DOT and the administrative Ministry, vix. Ministry of Communications & IT, has been introduced.

5. Performance of C-DOT is monitored regularly.